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AGENDA ITEM 78: DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (continued)

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Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.71

1. The CHAIRMAN stated that draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.71 had no budgetary implications.

2. Mr. GUERRERO (Philippines), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.71, the text of which was based on the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.44, and recommended that it should be adopted without a vote.

3. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.71 was adopted and draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.44 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

(a) TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.70

4. The CHAIRMAN stated that draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.70, entitled "Strengthening international organizations in the area of multilateral trade", had no financial implications.

5. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, introducing the draft resolution, said that the text was supported by a consensus and the outcome of productive consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.31, and requested that it should be adopted without a vote.

6. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.70 was adopted without a vote and draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.31 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

(b) FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.77

7. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, introducing draft resolution

(Miss Diop, Senegal)

A/C.2/47/L.77, entitled "Food and agricultural development", said that the text was supported by a consensus and the outcome of productive consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.57, and requested that it should be adopted without a vote.

8. The CHAIRMAN stated that the draft had no budgetary implications.

9. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.77 was adopted and draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.57 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.76

10. The CHAIRMAN said that draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.76, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations response to world food and hunger problems", had no financial implications.

11. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, introducing the draft resolution, said that the productive consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.59 had made it possible to finalize a text by consensus; she requested it to be adopted without a vote.

12. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.76 was adopted and draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.59 was withdrawn.

(c) NEW AND RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY (continued)

Report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy (A/47/36)

13. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Committee should take note of the report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy.

14. It was so decided.

15. The CHAIRMAN announced that the Committee had finished consideration of agenda item 78 (c).

(d) DEVELOPMENT OF THE ENERGY RESOURCES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (continued)

Report of the Secretary-General on energy exploration and development trends in developing countries (A/47/202-E/1992/51)

16. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Committee should take note of the report of the Secretary-General on that item.

17. It was so decided.

18. The CHAIRMAN said that the Committee had completed its consideration of agenda item 78 (d).

(e) INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO MITIGATE THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES ON KUWAIT AND OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE REGION RESULTING FROM THE SITUATION BETWEEN IRAQ AND KUWAIT (continued)

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.7/Rev.1

19. The CHAIRMAN informed the Committee that the Bahamas, Belarus, Belize, Kazakhstan, Peru, Suriname and Uruguay had joined the list of sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "International cooperation to mitigate the environmental consequences on Kuwait and other countries in the region resulting from the situation between Iraq and Kuwait"; the draft resolution had no financial implications.

20. Mr. GUERRERO (Philippines), Vice-Chairman, reporting to the Committee on the results of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.7/Rev.1, said that, unfortunately, it had not been possible to reach an overall agreement; the text would therefore have to be put to the vote. The vote would take place in two steps: first, there would be a separate vote on the second preambular paragraph after which members would vote on the draft as a whole.

21. Mr. SHAKIR (Iraq) said that his delegation had asked for a separate vote on the second preambular paragraph because the latter referred to Security Council resolution 687 (1991), thereby giving the text a political character. The concerns underlying the draft resolution were ecological and humanitarian in nature and it was inappropriate to politicize the text. Iraq would therefore call for a separate vote on the second preambular paragraph.

22. Mr. AL-SABAH (Kuwait) said that, in his view, the reference to section E of Security Council resolution 687 (1991) was, on the contrary, perfectly pertinent and the sponsors of the draft resolution had no political intent. Indeed, the general thrust of the text was environmental and humanitarian.

23. At the request of the representative of Iraq a recorded vote was taken on the second preambular paragraph of draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.7/Rev.1.

In favour: Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan,

Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: Iraq.

Abstaining: Cuba, Gabon, Haiti, Jordan, Malaysia.

24. The second paragraph of draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.7/Rev.1 was adopted by 115 votes to 1, with 5 abstentions.

25. The CHAIRMAN announced that Samoa had joined the sponsors of the draft resolution and suggested that the Committee proceed to take a recorded vote on the draft resolution as a whole.

26. Mr. SHAKIR (Iraq) said that his delegation would have liked to see the draft resolution adopted by consensus and it had proposed amendments in order to make the text more general; the Gulf war had had grave ecological consequences for all countries in the region, indeed Iraq was still suffering from those consequences. The bombing had damaged Iraq's soil and destroyed its infrastructure, including the water purification plants and the sewerage system. The toxic materials and radioactive matter which remained threatened to cause an ecological disaster. Iraq had none the less refrained from requesting that the text make specific mention of the damage it had suffered because the entire region had suffered and there was no justification for mentioning any one particular country; the draft resolution should mention all or none.

27. Iraq attached great importance to environmental protection and would have liked to be a sponsor of the draft resolution; unfortunately, all the amendments it had proposed had been systematically rejected and it was therefore unable to join the sponsors. His delegation would therefore abstain from the vote on the draft resolution as a whole.

28. Mr. AL-SABAH (Kuwait) said that the draft resolution was equitable; it was only fair that the resolution should refer to Kuwait, since Kuwait had been the main victim of the aggression. The text was the product of lengthy consultations; it was, indeed, true that a number of amendments had been proposed, but they had been unacceptable.

29. Mr. PAULINICH (Peru) pointed out that the title had been omitted in the Spanish version of the draft resolution.

30. Mr. SINON (Malaysia) said that his delegation had abstained from the vote on the second preambular paragraph because it opposed any politicization of the issue. However, Malaysia was very much in favour of the draft resolution as a whole.

31. Mr. BIAOU (Benin) drew attention to an error in the eighth and fourteenth preambular paragraphs in the French text of the draft resolution where the title of the United Nations Environment Programme was incorrectly given.

32. Mrs. GUERREIRO (Portugal) and Ms. DOWSETT (New Zealand) pointed out that, had their respective delegations been present at the time the second preambular paragraph was put to the vote, they would have voted in favour of it.

33. At the request of the Chairman a recorded vote was taken on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.7/Rev.1 as a whole.

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Iraq.

34. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.7/Rev.1 was adopted by 133 votes to none, with one abstention.

35. Mr. GUERRERO (Philippines), Vice-Chairman, drew attention to an error in the eighth preambular paragraph which referred to the "International Oceanographic Commission"; IOC was, in fact, an intergovernmental body which came under UNESCO.

36. Mr. MAYER (Luxembourg) and Mr. SIDI (Nigeria) pointed out that, had they been present during the votes, they would have voted in favour of both the second preambular paragraph and the draft resolution as a whole.

37. The CHAIRMAN announced that the Committee had concluded its consideration of agenda item 78 (e).

AGENDA ITEM 87: SPECIAL ECONOMIC AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE (continued)

(b) SPECIAL PROGRAMMES OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (continued)

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.25/Rev.1

38. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, said that the informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.25/Rev.1, entitled "Assistance for the reconstruction and development of El Salvador", had led to a consensus; she therefore recommended that the text should be adopted without a vote.

39. Mr. KRAVETZ (El Salvador) announced that the following countries had become sponsors of the draft resolution: Armenia, Belarus, Bulgaria, Gabon, Guinea-Bissau, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Mali, Mauritania, Nigeria, Paraguay, the Republic of Moldova, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Uzbekistan and Zimbabwe.

40. The CHAIRMAN noted that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

41. Mr. AL-MANI (Oman) said that his delegation wished to become a sponsor of the draft resolution.

42. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.25/Rev.1 was adopted.

43. Mr. KRAVETZ (El Salvador) welcomed the fact that the draft resolution had been adopted by consensus. Its adoption would heighten the international community's awareness and give new impetus to the cause of peace in El Salvador.

44. The CHAIRMAN announced that the Committee had concluded its consideration of agenda item 87.

AGENDA ITEM 90: STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND COORDINATION OF EFFORTS TO STUDY, MITIGATE AND MINIMIZE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE CHERNOBYL DISASTER (continued)

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.67

45. The CHAIRMAN said that document A/C.2/47/L.72, containing the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.67, had just been distributed to Committee members; he therefore suggested that the Committee should defer consideration of the draft text until the following meeting.

46. It was so decided.

AGENDA ITEM 12: REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (continued)

Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.73

47. The CHAIRMAN said that draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.73, entitled "International Conference on Population and Development", had no programme budget implications.

48. Miss DIOP (Senegal), Vice-Chairman, said that the informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.42 had led to a consensus on draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.73, which she recommended for adoption without a vote. She also drew attention to a typographical error in paragraph 14 of the French text.

49. Mr. CLARKE (United Kingdom) asked whether a statement of programme budget implications had been issued.

50. He requested that the meeting should be suspended so that he could consult with members of his group.

The meeting was suspended at 11.30 a.m. and resumed at 11.50 a.m.

51. The CHAIRMAN said that the Secretariat had informed him that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

52. Mr. STOBY (Director of the Division for Economic and Social Council Affairs and Inter-Agency Coordination), replying to the representative of the United Kingdom, confirmed that all United Nations conferences held away from Headquarters were governed by the provisions of General Assembly resolution 40/243, on the pattern of conferences.

53. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.73 was adopted.

54. Mrs. HASSAN (Egypt) welcomed the adoption by consensus of the draft resolution on the International Conference on Population and Development and said that it should give new impetus to the preparatory process at all levels. Egypt, which would host the Conference, was aware that it was taking on a special responsibility in that regard; and was determined to provide all the necessary services and resources. The Government had established a national preparatory committee that would be responsible for taking all the necessary steps, in close cooperation with the competent bodies and organizations. Her country was committed to seeing that the Conference was a success.

55. Draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.42 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

Draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/47/L.2

56. The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Committee should defer its consideration of the draft resolution contained in the note by the Secretariat (A/C.2/47/L.2), entitled "Implementation of section II of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system", until the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly.

57. It was so decided.

ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING SPONSORSHIP OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

58. Ms. KELLEY (Secretary of the Committee) announced that Thailand had become a sponsor of draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.23, on privatization, submitted under agenda item 12, and that Mauritius and Sierra Leone had become sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.60/Rev.1, on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), submitted under agenda item 89 (a).

The meeting rose at 12.10 p.m.